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Ref: 2592-21780

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application
Hackberry Sand, Reservoir C
SOUTHEAST PERKINS FIELD
Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: Mayne & Mertz, Inc.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **Mayne & Mertz, Inc.** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hackberry Sand, Reservoir C in the Southeast Perkins Field, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 160 acres for the Hackberry Sand, Reservoir C, designated as the HBY RC SUA, Southeast Perkins Field, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said unit;
3. To designate the Mayne & Mertz, Inc.-Nuhran No. 1 Well as the unit well for the HBY RC SUA created herein.
4. To designate Mayne & Mertz, Inc. as the unit operator for the HBY RC SUA created herein.
5. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
6. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The Hackberry Sand, Reservoir A in the Southeast Perkins Field, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 1418, effective April 8, 1997 and is further defined as being that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the measured depths of 7,034 feet and 7,180 feet (electrical log measurements)

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in the Mayne & Mertz, Inc.-Nuhrah No. 1 Well, located in Section 12, Township 8 South, Range 10 West, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana..

In compliance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, a pre-application conference was held in Lafayette, Louisiana, on January 20, 2003. Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a list of the names and addresses of the parties who were in attendance at that conference.

The conference was opened by Mr. B. J. Duplantis. Mr. Leon Comeaux presented the plan of applicant. Questions were asked and answered. Counterplans were presented by Mr. Bill Robbins on behalf of Neumin Production Company and by Mr. Stan Warburton on behalf of the Gayle Family. The rights of all parties to file a counterplan were reserved. The parties will continue in their attempt to reconcile their differences. It is anticipated that there may be opposition to the applicant's proposal at the public hearing.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the HBY RC SUA, Southeast Perkins Field, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this hearing application. Should any such party desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Upon receipt of the legal notice in the captioned matter, the notice will be posted, published and mailed in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Leon Comeaux, Leon Comeaux & Associates, P. O. Box 53922, Lafayette, La 70508 (337) 233-9839.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,


B. J. Duplantis

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson
District Manager
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners,
Represented Parties and
Interested Parties

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Mrs
L. W.
Seaman

J. Abdalla, et al

D. J. Marcantel

Concho
Mallery

8160'

Jack S.
Johnson

Theresa O.
Johnson

Wilkins
Fly. Trust

Krause &
Managan
Lbr. Co.

Golda Rae Orrill

C. K.
Chamberlin

G. K.
Courville

Charles E.
Fontenot, et ux

Hawthorne
Allied Chemical

7950'

PROPOSED
HBY RC SUA
± 160 ACRES

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Vicky P. K.
Ortego

Neumin
Fontenot

Nathan E.
Cooley

Wilkins Fly.
Trust

Sylvia R.
Deville

I. B. Lipscomb

7775'

William T. Brown

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Mayne & Mertz
Nuhrah

7450'

Daniel J.
Nuhrah, et al

Neumin Prod. Co.
Temple Inland

7725'

Temple/Inland

Burlington Resources Fee

Penton & Penton
Edgewood

8035'

William J. Gayle
& Sons, Inc.

2640'

Southwestern Energy
Union Tex. Pet. Fee

8237'

J. W. Bertrand

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EXHIBIT NO.

DOCKET NO.

MAYNE & MERTZ, INC.

SOUTHEAST PERKINS FIELD
CALCASIEU PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNIT
HACKBERRY SAND

Geology by: Leon Comeaux

0 1000' 2000'

DATE:

LEON E. COMEAUX & ASSOC. GEOLOGISTS

Neumin
Prod. Co.

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8012'

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7832' VD

Temple/Inland

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